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Constitutional responsibility right now. I am strongly opposed to the second half of this amendment to Section 10. I would hope that the committee amendments would be struck down.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Lewis, I would have a problem here in this committee amendment. In-as-much as I have got a number of phone calls and letters in regards to, if you would listen for a moment and please hear me. Because of the particular program that we have on the federal is it B...l-B or something like that? The local program. Now I had understood that the Governor had cut this out of his budget for preschool. Am I right or am I wrong.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That is correct, he did make....

SENATOR DUIS: Okay...now then I understand that the Appropriations Committee has put it back in the budget. Am I correct or incorrect?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I don't know.

SENATOR DUIS: May I ask Senator Marvel? Well the Governor cut out the preschool program the community based, and I think that the appropriations committee put it back in, is that correct? Could anyone answer my question?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes.

SENATOR DUIS: I ask the question of Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, yes that was the action taken in the appropriation committee.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you very much. Now we have a program here on preschool children which was deleted from the Governor's program. We have it put back in by the appropriations. Now, I am concerned about duplication Senator Lewis. Now since this program has been put back, in the appropriations committee by the appropriations committee do you need this situation? I'm thinking that maybe you knew that the Governor had cut it out of his budget.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Duis, first of all let me tell you that there can be no money appropriated under early intervention as we have designed the bill. We have told the local school districts, absolutely non-reimbursable. The reason that the committee put it in, is that there are a goodly number of people asking for it. We simply made a statement of policy. Early intervention was worthwhile and if local school districts wanted to, and they were encouraged to, go forth with it. This has no funding process. There is no money in this section. There is no money in the bill for early intervention at all.

SENATOR DUIS: Well then what is your nine million for? I mean the \$900,000 some.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The \$900,000 deals with the five areas that we went in to correct and when I explain the bill we will get into that.